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Notice of Vacancy

The Beal City Public School District is seeking applications for the current vacant position on the Board of Education. One individual will be appointed to fill a vacant position. Interested persons must submit a letter expressing interest in the Board position and their qualifications for the position to the Superintendent's office no later than 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4, 2011.

Following a review of submitted materials, the Board will schedule interviews with selected candidates. Not all applicants for the Board vacancy will be interviewed. If you have any questions concerning the role of the Board of Education and the responsibilities of a Board member, please contact, Denise McBride, Secretary of the Board of Education, at (989) 644-3901.

Please submit a brief biographical sketch and a statement setting forth the reasons why the person desires consideration and his/her interest in and ideas about public education.

Eligibility: To be eligible, a person must be a qualified school elector. This means that the applicant must be a registered voter in the school district. An applicant must be at least 18 years of age; a citizen of the United States; a resident of the State of Michigan for at least 30 days; and a resident of the school district.

Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on September 19, 2011:

- General Fund payments of \$282,505.87, Hot Lunch payments of \$2,714.79, Capital Projects/General Fund payments \$24,719.02, Athletic Fund payments of \$9,004.47.
- The hiring of Jason Wolf as Elementary Principal.
- The Tribal Grants as presented.
- The District as the Policy Holder for MESSA.
- Ed VanAvery's resignation as a Beal City Public Schools School Board Member.

Homecoming Events

Our student council has been working hard this year to plan an incredible Homecoming week. Our kick off began on September 30, 2011 with the tapping assembly. Our court members were named and the theme was announced. The Homecoming Assembly is October 14, 2011 at 1:45 in the big gym. The parade begins at the KC Hall at 4:15 p.m. Our homecoming football game begins at 7:00 that evening and the celebration ends with a dance on October 15, 2011 at CMU's Rotunda room in the Bovee University Center from 7:00-11:00. A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all those that have helped bring these events together.

Cell Phone Recycling

Michelle Maxon and Jenny Davis' 1st grade classrooms are participating in a cell phone recycling program. The program is free, simple and easy. It is an ongoing way to improve the environment while helping raise additional funds for the classrooms.

The Wireless Alliance accepts all cell phone makes and models, accessories, batteries, and chargers. They maintain a "zero-waste" facility and adhere to all local and state environmental guidelines.

Boxes for drop off are located in the Elementary and High School offices at Beal City Public Schools.

The Central Michigan Health Department will be here at Beal City Schools to administer flu shots to the public. They will be administering the shots from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 17th. The cost for the shot is \$30.00

Beal City Schools Annual Report is available on the school's website. You can access it by going to our website at www.bealcityschools.net. Click on the District Info button and then the Annual Report Button. There is a lot of information about our school and statistics from last year.

Elementary Calendar!

September 30	PTO Pie Sales Begin
October 3	Elementary Picture Day
October 3	PTO Monthly Meeting
October 11-27	MEAP Testing grades 3-9
October 21	PTO Pie Orders Due
October 28	Picture Retakes
October 28	Classroom Halloween Parties
November 4	End of First 9 Weeks
November 12	PTO Pie Making & Pick-up Day

Beal City Schools is accepting applications for custodial subs. Hours will be from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. or 4:00 p.m. to midnight, Monday thru Friday. Please contact the superintendent's office at 644-3901 for an application.

PTO NEWS

The Beal City PTO is planning a new and exciting Apple Pie Fundraiser for this year. Starting in October we will take orders for the pies, and then on November 11 and 12th we will make the pies. Volunteers are needed so please mark your calendars for this fun event! Look for more info in your students Friday folders or contact the Committee Coordinator, Jenny Davis.

Need Aggie Gear? Order forms will be available at the PTO Spirit Gear Booth during the Varsity Football games on October 21st. We will also send them home with Friday folders.

2011-12 Officers and Contact info:

Name	Phone #	E-mail	OFFICER
Tracey Sandel	989-621-9451	tsandel@sunrisestores.com	President
Jenny Davis	989-433-0313	jmae00@yahoo.com	Vice President
Karen Thompkins	989-506-5606	ksuethomp71@yahoo.com	Treasurer
Melissa Hall	989-233-7611	jmhall7@frontier.com	Secretary

The Beal City PTO meets monthly in Mrs. Davis's room on the 1st Monday of every month at 6:30.

Beal City Bands



“...in harmony with the home and community...”

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR ARCHERY EVENT SUPPORTERS

TARGET SPONSORS: Bob's Tire Store - Central Michigan Family Practice: Dr. Brock & Donna Horsley - Clark Dairy Farm - Denise & Eric Gaw - JD Metalworks - Jason & Shari Lowe - Chris & Denise McBride - Gregg & Kathleen Schafer - Mark Yuncker Tent Rental

TARGETS PROVIDED BY Jay's Sporting Goods (Derick Poet) and Andy Latham (MPPD)

SHOOT WORKERS: Jane, Elton, Charlie & Ray Clark and Jessi Spry

EVENT COORDINATOR: JONATHAN STRAUS AND FAMILY

THANK YOU TO THE BEAL CITY COMMUNITY FOR YOUR TREMENDOUS SUPPORT OF THE BAND BOTTLE DRIVE ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.



The Beal City Bands are getting tuned up for the another year of a wide variety of events! Be certain to look for our spirited group at

football games! Here are some important events that are rapidly approaching!

ANN ARBOR CALLING!

Another point of pride for our acclaimed Band program: our **Pep Band** has been invited to perform at the **University of Michigan Hockey Home Opener on Saturday, October 1**. This makes our program's *fifth* appearance at the University of Michigan athletic events! Tickets are available if you wish to attend - please contact the **UM Athletic Ticket Office at 866-296-MTIX**.

COOKIE DOUGH SALES!

Be on the lookout for band members selling delicious Cookie Dough! Sales start Wednesday, October 5 and go through Wednesday, October 12.



Tasty Batters are available in a variety of flavors sure to tempt your tummy! If cookies aren't your thing (or trying to count your calories), our students can get you a subscription to

your favorite magazine or extend your current subscription.

SPOOK-TACULAR!

Everyone is invited to the first Beal City Bands concert of the school year! Join for some brooding fun and music on **Sunday, October 30 at 4PM**. All groups will be performing - be sure to be there!

Beal City Schools Featured Staff People



Jason Wolf – Elementary Principal

Mr. Jason Wolf is beginning his first year as principal at Beal City Mayes Elementary. Prior to coming to Beal City, he spent the first 9 years of his career at Farwell Area Schools. He taught social studies and also coached football and track at various points in his career. Most recently, he served as assistant principal at Farwell High School. He completed his Bachelor's in Education at Central Michigan University in 2001 and his Master's in Educational Leadership at Grand Valley State University in 2008.

Mr. Wolf and his wife, Heather, are originally from Scottville, Michigan, a small town on the west side of the state.

Mr Wolf and his family currently live in Shepherd, Michigan where his wife teaches high school social studies. His oldest daughter, Bridgette is a freshman at Ferris State University, where she is pursuing a degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography and a Bachelor's in Health Administration. His youngest daughter, Grace, is entering the second grade and loves to dance and read. In his spare time, Mr. Wolf enjoys traveling to historic locations, working on his one hundred and four year old home, following prep and collegiate sports, and spending time with his family.

Mr. Wolf is excited to be entering a new phase of his career at Beal City Mayes Elementary. He loves the close-knit atmosphere and the welcoming attitude he has already experienced from the staff, students and community. Mr. Wolf hopes to continue and expand the quality programs and exceptional opportunities offered to the students at Beal City Mayes Elementary.

Melissa Hall - Kitchen Staff

Beal City Schools welcomes Melissa Hall as our new Cafeteria Staff Employee. Melissa and her husband Jason have two children that attend Mayes Elementary: Jillian a 5th grader and Grant a 1st grader. They also have a dog named Belle and a cat named Taffy.

Melissa loves Mexican food and reading is one of her favorite pastimes. She also enjoys camping and volunteering at her church. Her travel highlight is a trip to Texas and Colorado that she took this summer. She is excited about her job in the school system and is looking forward to a great year!





Veena Cole - Kindergarten Teacher

Beal City Schools would like to introduce Veena Cole as a Kindergarten Teacher at Carl Mayes Elementary. Veena has subbed here for a number of years and we are excited to have her on board. Veena's husband Rod is a school board member and an environmental chemist. They have two children: Navid is in 7th grade and Manisha is a Junior at Beal City High School.

Veena has a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Michigan State University where she met her husband. After getting married they moved to Ohio and lived there for about 1 ½ years. Rod worked as a forensic scientist and Veena had a job as an office manager. They missed home and soon Rod found a job in Mt. Pleasant.

After moving to Mt. Pleasant she went back to school and received her Master's in Business Administration. She then started a small accounting firm. Later they had their first child, Manisha. When Manisha was three, they hosted an exchange student from Germany, Christine Staab. Towards the end of her stay they had their second child, Navid. She then sold her business. When Manisha started school she started subbing and volunteering more and more. Eventually, she decided to try school again – this time in elementary education. She now has a kindergarten classroom of her own at the school she loves.

Veena loves travelling. She has been to Egypt, India, Israel, England, Scotland, Africa, Nepal as well as many of the states. She enjoys reading anything that isn't scary and listening to almost any music – except Willie Nelson. They also have a dog named Bear.

The highlight of Veena's year has been getting hired by Beal City Schools as a kindergarten teacher. She plans on working hard and having fun with her kindergartners. Life is good!!!

Donna Horsely - Media Center Aide

Beal City Schools would like to introduce Donna Horsley as our new Media Center Aide. Donna is married to Dr. Brock Horsley, a family physician, and they have three sons: Jake and Max, twin boys in the 9th grade at Beal City Schools and Nate a 7th grader also at Beal.

Donna graduated from Beal City Schools in 1984 as the Valedictorian. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Food Science at Michigan State University. She worked as a microbiologist in the dairy, juice and meat industries for several years.

When her children began school she started volunteering in the classroom. During the past seven years she has been a parent library aide, an Art Reach classroom volunteer, a Junior Achievement teacher, and a substitute teacher. Now she is enjoying her new position as the Media Center Aide and is looking forward to interacting with students and staff at Beal City Schools.

Donna's favorite foods are salsa, ice cream, salmon and squash. She loves camping with her family all around Michigan. She looks forward to her annual family fishing trip to Canada and for those of you who don't know it yet – she loves taking pictures.

Donna likes to read a variety of books but her favorites are historical fiction. She enjoys the challenge in a game of cribbage and solitaire frenzy is her favorite card game. She also likes to root on the Tigers and the Spartans but the Aggies will always be her favorite team.



MENU

October 3 - 7, 2011

Monday: Breakfast – french toast sticks or cereal, syrup, cheese stick, fruit and milk. **Lunch** – Big Daddy’s cheese pizza, breadstick, salad bar w/carrots, fruit, juice or milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast – egg and sausage on a bagel or cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch** – macaroni & cheese or bbq beef/bun, hot vegetable, muffin, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast – granola bar or cereal, yogurt, fruit and milk. **Lunch** – breakfast pizza or scrambled eggs/ham, hash brown, bagels, fruit bar and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast – bagel sausage pizza or cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch** – nachos/meat and cheese or totally tacos, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Friday: Breakfast – pretzel/cheese or cereal, juice and milk. **Lunch** – scalloped potatoes/ham or chicken patty/bun, dessert, dinner roll, salad bar, fruit and milk.

October 10- 14, 2011

National School Lunch Week and Spirit Week

Monday: Breakfast – cinnamon bun sticks w/icing or cereal, yogurt, fruit and milk. **Lunch** – chicken strips or beef/cheddar sub, hot vegetable, muffin, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast – sausage gravy/biscuit or cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch** - grilled cheese sandwich or fish/bun, tomato soup, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast – scrambled eggs/ham or cereal, hashbrown, fruit and milk. **Lunch** – chicken quesadilla or chili cheese wrap, mexican rice with black beans, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast – breakfast pizza or cereal, fruit and milk. **Lunch** – “Reach for the Stars” shaped chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy or ham/cheese sub, dinner roll, dessert, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Friday: Breakfast – pretzel/cheese or cereal, juice and milk. **Lunch** – Stomp ‘em corn dog nuggets or Aggie burger/bun, Victory confetti fries, salad bar, blue/white jello, fruit and milk.

October 17 - 21, 2011

Monday: Breakfast –french toast sticks or cereal, syrup, cheese stick, fruit and milk. **Lunch** – stuffed crust pepperoni pizza, cheese-filled breadstick, salad bar w/carrots, fruit and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast – egg and sausage on a bagel or cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch** – spaghetti or chicken Caesar salad, garlic bread, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast – granola bar or cereal, yogurt, fruit and milk. **Lunch** – french toast sticks or sausage gravy/biscuit, hash-brown, bagels, fruit bar and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast – bagel sausage pizza or cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch** – taco or chicken fajita, refried beans, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Friday: Breakfast – pretzel/cheese or cereal, juice and milk. **Lunch** – chili or baked potato, cornmeal muffins, hot vegetable, salad bar, fruit and milk.

October 24 - 28, 2011

Monday: Breakfast – cinnamon bun sticks w/icing or cereal, yogurt, fruit and milk. **Lunch** – tangerine chicken, rice, hot vegetable, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, fortune cookie, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast – sausage gravy/biscuit or cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch** – sloppy jo/bun or pork patty/bun, bowl of soup, pasta salad, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast – scrambled eggs/ham or cereal, hashbrown, fruit and milk. **Lunch** – hot turkey sandwich with mashed potatoes and gravy or meat sub, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast – breakfast pizza or cereal, fruit and milk. **Lunch** – hot dog/bun or cheeseburger/bun, chips, dessert, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Friday: Breakfast – oatmeal or cereal, sausage links, juice and milk. **Lunch** – beef stew/biscuit or popcorn chicken, muffin, salad bar, fruit and milk.

New healthy changes to our menu: All bread, pizza, tortilla shells and chicken breading are whole grain! Salad bar includes more fresh fruit, romaine lettuce with spinach and fresh vegetables! Confetti fries both sweet potato/regular, along with beans and different hot vegetables weekly! Menus are subject to change without notice.